

10. An appliance provided with a transponder which comprises an integrated circuit, an antenna, and a first capacitor, wherein a transponder as claimed in any one of the preceding claims is present therein.

REMARKS

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 4 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(a) over Bickley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,430,441). Claims 1-10 are pending.

Applicants have amended the claims to obviate the objections by the Examiner.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 5-7 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections and that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection and objection. In response these claim have been so amended. In addition, claims 4 and 8 now depend from one or the other of independent claims discussed above and are, therefore, believed allowable and patentable for at least the same reasons.

On the merits, applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, as amended, are patentable for at least the following reasons.